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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: METHOD OF SCANNING A RECORDING DISC FOR DEFECTS, AND
RECORDING DEVICE FOR RECORDING INFORMATION ON A DISC-SHAPED
RECORDING MEDIUM

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said
predetermined period of time lies in a range from approximately 50
 μ s to approximately 75 μ s, and is preferably approximately 60 μ s.

5. (Amended) A method of examining a record carrier (1) for the
presence of spot defects (12; 13), the method comprising the
following steps:

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- a) examining the integrity of predetermined test tracks (2T) of the
record carrier (1), preferably by means of a method as claimed in
Claim 1;
 - b) examining the integrity of tracks (2) adjacent the relevant test
track (2T2; 2T3) each time that upon the examination a test track
(2T2; 2T3) appears to be defective, in order to determine in this